



How to add a second hard disk to a virtual machine

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Question

I would like to add the second virtual hard disk to my existing virtual machine. How can I do that?

Information

1. Start Parallels Desktop, do not launch your virtual machine.
2. Open the virtual machine's configuration > go to **Hardware** tab > click on + sign at the bottom > choose **Hard Disk** from the list.

3. In the appeared menu select **Type: Existing image file**.

4. Select its **Location** and find your second hard disk on the Mac.
5. When the second disk was found, choose it and click on **Open** button at the bottom > then **OK**.

The second hard disk will be added and automatically given the name **Hard Disk 2** whereas the primary disk will be **Hard Disk 1**.

Make sure **Hard Disk 2** is mapped to your virtual machine properly by checking it in **Hardware > Boot Order**.

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